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WHERE HAVE ALL THE HEROS GONE?

FEBRUARY 7 COLLOQUIUM

"Where Have All The Heros Gone?" will be the topic of a colloquium to be presented Wednesday, February 7 at 10 a.m. at the Peninsula Center Library, 650 Deep Valley Drive, Palos Verdes.

Guest speaker will be Dr. John Pendleton, author and visiting assistant professor at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

A political scientist and cultural history specialist, Dr. Pendleton recently appeared as a panelist on the television program Political Roundtable, on which he discussed Colin Powell as a third party phenomenon. He has served as research assistant to George Colburn, executive producer, National Video Corporation and on public and commercial television projects including The American Genius, The Chinese and The Dangerous Years. He is currently working on a four-part series on Eisenhower, The Last American Hero.

Dr. Pendleton is the author of numerous articles and study guides, and has taught Elderhostel courses on topics dealing with political and cultural history.

A question and answer session will follow his talk. Refreshments will be served.

Admission is free to OmnioLore members. There will be a \$4 charge for guests. Persons bringing guests are asked to fill out the form below and either mail it to OmnioLore at P.O. Box 7000-236, Redondo Beach, Ca. 90277 or put it in the Treasurer's box in Room 7. Checks should be made payable to "Friends of OmnioLore"

Members not bringing guests may either mail the form to OmnioLore or telephone their reservation to Ethel Allen at (310) 373-7993.

Reservations for February 7 Colloquium

Where Have All The Heros Gone — Dr. John Pendleton

Name of Member _____

Number of Guests @ \$4 _____ Total \$ _____

Names of Guests _____

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Spring Semester Set for January 2 to April 26

Coinciding more closely for the first time with the date of the CSUDH schedule, Omnilore's spring semester will begin January 2 and end April 26. This will enable Omnilore to offer a full summer semester instead of our previous shorter summer sessions. Nine study/discussion groups will be offered this spring, according to Terry Savage, curriculum committee chairman.

Courses will include:

- Writers Workshop 1st & 3rd Thursday afternoons
Margaret Koch, coordinator
- Current Issues of American Foreign Policy 2nd & 4th Monday afternoons
Ethel Allen, coordinator
- Understanding the Stock Market 1st & 3rd Tuesday afternoons
Terry Savage & Laura Bonadurer, coordinators
- Jefferson and Hamilton 2nd & 4th Tuesday afternoons
Burt Cutler, coordinator
- The Family 1st & 3rd Monday afternoons
Frank Ludwig, coordinator
- The Evolution of the Personal Essay 2nd & 4th Thursday afternoons
Norman Lobsenz, coordinator and Sonny Golombek, co-coordinator
- The Development of Western Philosophy II 1st & 3rd Wednesday afternoons
Michael Scordan, coordinator
- Plutarch's Lives 2nd & 4th Thursday mornings
Dean Dwyer, coordinator and Fred Kiefer, co-coordinator
- Women of the White House 2nd & 4th Thursday afternoons
Joyce Loranger, coordinator and Clarkia Wilson, co-coordinator

HOT TOPICS Set for New Year

by Joann Ludwig

After several blazing years in Hot Topics, John Taber and Marilyn Denno have passed the torch to me for 1996. I hope I can keep the fire going as well as they did. We will continue to meet the third Thursday of the month from 12:00 to 2:00. You are welcome to bring your lunch and eat as you discuss.

A topic that I predict will be "hot" in January is Peacekeeping Missions. It seem that for the last few years, since we no longer have the Cold War to occupy our military forces, we are constantly sending troops to keep the peace in Hot Wars somewhere. Is this the U.S.'s responsibility? Is it our obligation to lead the way with money and manpower? Specifically, should we be in Bosnia? How will we get out? Let's come together January 18, 1996 to discuss these questions.

By February, I expect that election year frenzy will be mounting. The big question for the last years seems to be whether either the Democrats or the Republicans lead the country. Are the mainstream political parties out of touch with the mainstream U. S. population? Do we need a third party? If so, what should the agenda of that party be? We will talk about this on February 15.

I would really appreciate your input on topics for the next year. If anyone has any ideas give me a call at 377-4989.

Omnilore Establishes Scholarship

Omnilore has established an annual scholarship for a worthy student at CSUDH to express our appreciation for the relationship we have enjoyed with the university for the past four years.

The award will be presented each year to an undergraduate student studying Geriatrics, who maintains at least a 2.7 grade point average. The 1996 recipient will be invited to our annual luncheon meeting next fall.

Reminder of Expense Reimbursement Procedure

Coordinators are permitted to spend up to \$25 per semester for supplies or stamps required by their study/discussion groups. Receipts are to be submitted to the treasurer for reimbursement. Any coordinator requiring additional expense authorization is asked to contact the curriculum committee chairman.

Members may only charge expenses to the Omnilore account with the approval of their coordinator. Members may not bill Omnilore for materials used in individual presentations.



Discount Offered Omnilorians at Borders Bookstore

Borders Bookstore, 3700 Torrance Boulevard, has extended a 20% discount for Omnilore study/discussion groups. Persons purchasing materials for Omnilore need only to identify themselves. Omnilore membership cards will be distributed in the near future.

Coming Next Issue

Details on Omnilore's first day trip, which will take place the week of April 20; and the next colloquium, scheduled for May 22, will be announced in the March Newsletter. **WATCH FOR DETAILS!**



Omnilore Profiles
Bob Saunders - Historian

This spring, Bob Saunders, historian, has earned the distinction of being the only male enrolled in Women of the White House. This comes as no surprise to those who know him, because Bob has been known not only as a lifelong advocate of women's rights, but also as a maverick engineer who frequently enrolled in classes in the humanities as electives while in college.

Born in New York City, Bob graduated from James Monroe High School in the Bronx. He entered military service in 1942. As a member of the 15th Air Force in Italy, he was involved in the development of the first radar bombsight.

Following his discharge, he began his training as an electrical engineer, receiving a degree in electrical engineering from Syracuse University, where he specialized in electronics.

After graduation, Bob's initial involvement with the aerospace industry was at Goodyear Aircraft, Akron, Ohio, where he became a missile system and radar specialist.

Moving to San Diego, Bob was involved in the development of the Atlas Missile Tracking System and Missile Range Safety System, at General Dynamics.

Relocating to the Los Angeles area and settling in Torrance in 1958, Bob served as project engineer and consultant to the Federal Aviation Authority where he helped establish air traffic control systems for eleven western states, was involved with aerospace companies dealing with military contracts specializing in missiles and radar systems and

served as a senior test project engineer on the first manned Apollo spacecraft.

In 1966, Bob founded his own firm, RLA Engineering Co., providing consulting services to almost every aerospace company in the South Bay and Orange County areas until his retirement in 1989.

Married to Ronnie Saunders in 1946, Bob is the father of two sons, Robert and Gary; and as they were growing up he was involved in Indian Guides and Boy Scouts.

Throughout his life, his main hobby has been photography—from box cameras to video cameras (and every camera in between). He particularly enjoys making slide and video shows of his various travels complete with narration and musical background.

Prior to his retirement, Bob founded the South Bay Computer Users Group for the T.I. computer and served as its first president. Since that time he has continued his interest in computers, and is currently on his fourth personal computer, constantly upgrading his computer systems to meet the challenges of the latest computer software.

Since retirement Bob has been involved with Public Access Television with Torrance Community Television (TCTV - Channel 59) and has produced and directed three cable TV programs including one called "Omnilore in Action".

In addition to involvement in Omnilore for the past four years, Bob has attended several Elder-hostels. He is currently serving as assistant to the Omnilore vice president of administration and has accepted the position of historian.

Omniloreans Invited to Mark Taper Theater Party

Edward Albee's 1994 Pulitzer prize drama "Three Tall Women" will be featured in a theatre tour to the Mark Taper Forum Saturday, February 10. This Albee play has been called his strongest since "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf". Busses depart at 1 p.m. and return at 6 p.m. The package deal (including excellent seats plus transportation) is being offered by S. T. E. P., (Steps to Explore Potential, Inc.) an adult education program.

Busses will depart from the former Von's parking lot at the Peninsula Center, corner of Indian Peak and Crossfield Road in Rolling Hills Estates.

If sufficient Omniloreans participate, a discussion group could be arranged either before or after the performance. Omniloreans interested in organizing a discussion group are asked to call Vi Gramani at 541-3045.

Reservations may be made by phoning 377-1601 and sending \$50 to Jean Sipos, 6719 Abbotswood Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes, 90275 by January 3.

Wanted - Photographer

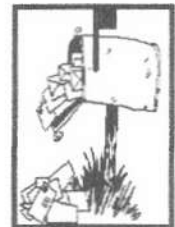
Omnilore is seeking photographers to photograph special events. Interested volunteers are asked to contact Bob Saunders, Historian, at 540-1089.

Editors' Note:

To anyone preparing information for the newsletter, If your article is composed on an IBM compatible computer it would be greatly appreciated if you would submit on a 3 1/2 or 5 1/4 disk with a notation as to software used. If you have any questions please call Ginger Engstrom 832-7333

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Comments and input can be sent to



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CALENDAR

January 2	Spring Session Begins
January 4	Board of Directors' Meeting
January 30	Deadline for Spring Membership Fee, New Members Only
February 1	Board of Directors' Meeting
February 7	Winter Colloquium
February 13	Deadline for March Newsletter
February 15	Deadline for Summer Study/Discussion Topic Suggestions
March 4-7	Distribution of Summer S/D Ballots & Registration Forms
March 7	Board of Directors' Meeting
March 15	Deadline for Summer S/D Registration
March 24	Passover



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